

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Weigh Room Suprs Office,

May 14th, 1890.

Dear Sir

In answer to the letter of Mr Cowan I ^{State} respect fully ^{that} I am not surprised at the small result for I did not expect any more but Mr Cowan is an old depositor and he called for over \$1000 & agreed to take it. The coin U.S. was there weighing 14.50 ounces the jewelry & leaf was also there and our gross weight proves his weight taking his wt for the jewelry & leaf from wt for the coin wt make 21.25 ounces. Our weight for which we gave a receipt was 21.10 ozs substantially agreeing. One watch case in the jewelry was very low it did not look like gold at all. I showed it to the assayer the pronounced it very low. All of the deposit was placed in the crucible and when melted looked so bad that it had to be nitred and that took out 2.10 ounces of base metal and that is where I think the loss was. There is one thing certain the depositor rec^d as far as ^{are} ~~was~~ concerned all he was entitled too

Wm O C. Rockwell Suprs
at S Mint PhilaVery Respectfully
J. S. Corbin

HENRY COWAN,
WHOLESALE JEWELER AND IMPORTER.

Manufacturer of Watchmakers' and Jewelers' Supplies, Etc.

409 WASHINGTON STREET.

Boston, May 13th 1890

Supt no mint, Phila

Gents

The Gold sent you
was in a wooden box about 8x6 by 4 or
or 5 inch The Gold Leaf referred to
was in an Envelope as enclosed
marked Gold across

Yours Truly
Henry Cowan

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409 WASHINGTON STREET.

Boston, *Evening* 13th 1890

W. S. Mink

Phila

Your *6th* and *the day*,
 my reply to return, will say that there
 is either someone who has helped
 himself to the Gold Leaf 35th dot sent.
 That was positively given you leaf and
 Tom Latchers put in an envelope on *the* ^{bottom} of
 Gold. The box sent contained 16th and
 also independent of this there was about
 50 worth or 100 worth of Gold very near 14th,
 making fully the amt you seek, without the
 Leaf. For Hultman, it may be possible
 that it was left in the box. The Leaf was
 in two packets, Brown Paper, in an Envelope, with
 Gold = & as I saw my Shipping Clerk put
 it in the bottom of the box, there is no

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question on my part about it being
 this. Will the writer or Sup^r kindly
 see the one who accepted paper & ask
 him if he remembers the leaf, if not it
 is either very mysterious, else you will
 find some perhaps now, left in the
 box. I probably get in on an average
 3 to 4000 per year in, Old Gold & Silver
 consequently you can judge me that there
 there is some this time I will anxious by awaiting
 your answer. I have heretofore, sent my
 Gold to N.Y. Assay Office either
 Messrs L. Hammett & Co or Messrs Sam'l
 Lorch & Co Maiden Lane, New York, can
 tell you that. I am pretty expert on Gold
 I write you this simply because they
 send me returns alone, ^{for} over \$3000 per year & you

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can see that you are not receiving
a letter from one who has no idea of
Gold but from a party who knows, ~~and~~ if
it is a dishonorable man in employ you
will find him, if not, you will find the
leaf has been thrown out, or ^{is} perhaps
awaiting ownership. You can readily
see returns are wrong, for for reasons
Gold was purchased in
small lots & at a time ^{up to} \$1.4
~~together~~ ^{they were} 50 paid Cash for the Gold in box
the Silver there was 16oz Milled Coin and
this you will see there is a mistake besides
this and there was 35 1/2 oz pure Gold
Leaf which was bought Independent
for 88¢ each making 31 2/4 additional.
So you can see there is a grave mistake

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Somewhere. Kindly write return if bal
is found or how error occurred &
greatly oblige

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Yours Truly
Henry Cowan

Think the error is because the
Gold Leaf was in an Envelope
& put in bottom of box & the other
Gold was in a Box. I am perfectly
aware (think don't accept under 100
figured 100 in my value \$110 but
it may be possible that I might have come
perhaps a few Dollars out, although this
very seldom varies much

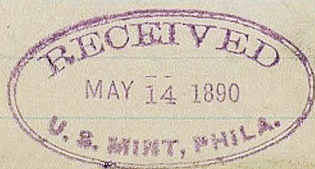
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Boston. Mass.

May 13. 1890

Henry Cowan

Complains of insuffi-
cient return for deposit.
Mr Cochran's letter en-
closed.



NARA RG104, Entry 1, Box 163

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
Weigh Room, Supts. Office
May 14, 1890

Dear Sir

In answer to the letter of Mr. Cowan I would respectfully state that I am not surprised at the small results for I did not expect any more but Mr. Cowan is an old depositor and he called for over \$100 & I agreed to take it. The coin U.S. was there weighing 14.50 ounces the jewelry & leaf was also there and our gross weight proves his weighter taking his wt. for the jewelry leaf & our wt. for the coin wd. make 21.25 ounces our weights for which we gave a receipt was 21.10 ozs substantially agreeing. One watch case in the jewelry was very low it did not look like gold at all. I showed it to the assayer & he pronounced it very low. All of the deposit was placed in the crucible and when melted looked so bad that it had to be nitred and thus took out 2.10 ounces of base metal and that is where I think the loss was. There is one thing certain the deposition rec'd as far as we are concerned all he was entitled too.

Very Respectfully,
H.S. Corhman

[First Included note:]

Henry Cowan,
Wholesale Jeweler and Importer.
Boston, May 12, 1890

Supt U.S. Mint Phila.

Gents,

The gold sent you was in a wooden box about 8 x 6 by 4 or 5 Deep. The gold leaf referred to was in an envelope as enclosed marked gold across.

Yours Resp.
Henry Porray for E.O.W.

[Second Included Letter:]

[Abstract:] Complains of insufficient returns for deposit. Mr. Cochran's letter enclosed.

Henry Cowan, Wholesale Jeweler and Importer
409 Washington Street,
Boston,
May 13, 1890

U.S. Mint
Phila.

Your \$61.03 rec [xxxx] day, we reply to return, will say that there is either someone who has helped himself to the Gold Leaf 35 ½ Dwt. sent. This was positively pure [xxxx] leaf and the batches put in an envelope on bottom of Gold. The box sent contains 16 oz [xxxx] Silver. Independently of this there was about \$50 worth or 1000 Dwt. of Gold [xxxx] near [xxx] making fully the acct. you sent, without the Leaf. Your Gentlemen, it may be possible that it was left in the box. The Leaf was in two packages, brown paper, in an envelope, labeled Gold, & as I saw my Shipping Clerk put it in the bottom of the box, there is no question on my part about it being there. Will the writer or Supt. kindly see the one who accepted the package & ask him if he remembers the leaf, if not it is either very mysterious, else you will find same perhaps now left in the box. I probably get in on an average 3 to \$4000 per year in Old Gold & Silver. Consequently, you can judge & see that there is some mistake. I will anxiously await your answer. I have here to fore sent my gold & silver to N.Y. Assay Office & either Wen. L. Hammel & Co. or Wen. Sussfeed Lorsch & Co., Maiden Lane, New York, can tell you that I am pretty expert on Gold. I write you this simply because they send me returns above for over \$3000 per year & you can see that you are not receiving a letter form one who has no idea of gold, but from a party who knows. If it is a dishonorable man in employ you will find him; if not, you will find the Leaf has been thrown out, or is perhaps awaiting ownership. You can readily see returns are wrong, for fol. reasons gold sent was purchased in small lot. \$5 at a time; up to \$14, altogether there was \$50 paid cash for the gold in box. Of the silver there was 16 oz mutilated coin & add this & you will see there is a mistake besides this amt. there was 35 ½ Dwt. pure gold Leaf which was bought independent for 88 cents Dwt. making \$31.24 additional.

So you can see there is a grave mistake somewhere. Kindly write return if bal. is found or hum. error occurred & greatly oblige.

Your Resp.
Henry Cowan

This the error is because the gold leaf was in an envelope & put in bottom of box & the other gold was in a box. I am perfectly aware Mint don't accept under 100 & figured package in my value \$110 but it may be possible that I weight have come perhaps a few dollar out, although this very seldom varies much.